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## The Circulation of The Bulletin.

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### CIRCULATION

1901, average	4,412
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### THE WORK OF SOIL SURVEY.

Congressman Higgins has received notice from the agricultural department that the soil survey would be commenced on June 27 for Windham county, to which county it will be confined.

It is the purpose of the soil survey to examine the different soils which occur in each county in the United States, in order to ascertain not only what their present capabilities of crop production may be, and to determine the best methods for producing large and profitable staple crops from these soils, but also to determine what new crops may be introduced to advantage upon each one of the different soil types, and which may in time replace part or all of the staple grain and grass crops which have formerly been raised.

In New England, taken as a whole, over half of the population consists of consumers of farm products who are earning wages or salary in the cities or large towns. These people must, each one, be fed each day, and the farmers of New England are awakening to the fact that their best chance for a better life is in the lines of producing the perishable food products for human beings, which meet with such a ready and profitable sale in the nearby towns.

In order that the specialization in the production of fruits, vegetables, dairy products and high grade meats may proceed along well regulated and well determined lines, the bureau of soils of the United States department of agriculture has determined at the request of the granges of the county to make a soil survey of Windham county, Connecticut. This will constitute the first soil survey in the eastern portion of the state.

Particular attention will be paid in the study of the soils to those which will be of immediate value for the extension of apple orcharding and the production of peaches and those which are well suited for the production of market garden and truck crops. Windham county is well located with regard to transportation facilities and should be able to produce a large acreage of fruits and vegetables which would find a ready market in the cities and large towns of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The work of the soil survey of Windham county was begun this week and the field work will be completed some time early in October. The soil surveyors will visit every portion of the county and will examine both the surface soil and the subsoil, in order to determine their important characteristics and the kinds of crops which each soil is suited to grow.

The most progressive farmers will also be consulted with regard to the methods which they use for producing the largest crops and those of the best quality upon each type of soil, and the surveyors will also have the benefit as the survey progresses of being able to compare the soils of Windham county with those of other portions of New England and the northeastern states where soil surveys have already been made.

Such a study and comparison of the soils of Windham county will enable them to prepare a detailed map showing where each different characteristic soil is located and what are its outlines and boundaries. The map when completed will be accompanied by a report which will summarize all of the important information which can be secured in regard to these soils and when the map and report are printed application for copies may be made to the United States department of agriculture or to Representative Higgins, who will have copies of the report for distribution. Each report is accompanied by an engraved map of the county showing the location of the soils, roads, houses, villages and streams.

The place of Mr. Frank Bennett at Williamsville will be headquarters for the surveyors from the bureau of soils, from the United States department of agriculture.

A similar report has been made covering the entire state of Rhode Island, and work will be undertaken during the present summer in Plymouth county, Massachusetts.

The public is informed that Charlton may go free because the courts of this country have no jurisdiction. Why should Italy be deprived of the privilege of dealing with this wife murderer?

A Vermont town—Castleton—makes it a penal offense for an automobile to travel through it at a rate of speed of over six miles an hour. This is a good town to steer clear of.

Mr. Zimmerman of Cincinnati gives notice that should Roosevelt run for president again he will become an English subject. Wouldn't that be awful, Mebb?

### FOURTH OF JULY.

Fourth of July is less than a week away and under the new city administration it is announced that the largest freedom is to be allowed the public in celebrating it. This large freedom is not objectionable if kept strictly within the restrictions of the law. It may be said that Norwich cannot be classed in the cities who have insensibly or fatally celebrated the day. At times the noise has been excessive, but there have been in the past twenty-five years no serious accidents or fires because of the license and excesses on this great American festival.

The boys are not the persons who put dynamite torpedoes on the trolley tracks, or who fire pistols on the walks when passing women to startle them. These abuses of freedom certainly should be restrained by the police. There is nobody desirous of making the Fourth less distinctive than it is, only upon general principles safer. The spirit of Independence day would be a misfit for a picnic, and it is the manifestation of a quality too valuable to be suppressed. A high old time is always in order, and is always likely to be.

The celebrators of Norwich usually give the Fourth a warm opening and a brilliant close, and the day is generally quiet. This year the celebration is likely to be different. Since the Fourth of 1909 was given over to the 250th anniversary of the town, it was quieter than usual, and, in consequence, the day may be given a little more vim than usual in 1910.

### INFANT MORTALITY.

Those who are familiar with mortality among infants claim that one-half of them could be saved with intelligent treatment and care. It is estimated that there are in the United States today a million and a half of infants under a year old and that the deaths among them will be over 23,000 a month, making a total for the year of 280,000.

No epidemic threatens and no wholesale destruction of child life by fire, flood or famine is looked for. It is simply calculated that according to past history this number of children will perish if mortality statistics maintain their usual average.

These figures are those used by Dr. J. Mason Knox, Jr., of Johns Hopkins university, in a paper which he read at the recent national conference of charities and correction in St. Louis. Dr. Knox based his estimate upon a careful study of vital statistics covering the entire country, and his conclusion is made still more impressive by his statement that upward of 50 per cent. of the whole number of little infants under a year old and that the deaths among them will be over 23,000 a month, making a total for the year of 280,000.

As a tribute to ignorance and crime this is a large tax upon the country; and it is far from being creditable to our claim of advancement in intelligence and civilization.

### FARMERS AND FARM WAGES.

The farmers in all parts of the country are embarrassed by the difficulty of procuring competent help to till their land and assist in doing the chores. When competent men are found they demand too much money for their labor and make their employment impossible.

Recently, in this vicinity, the Portuguese laborers who were working for \$25 a month and their board, demanded special high wage rates for the haying season, and this being denied they left the farms and are trying to force the farmers to comply with their terms.

From the west we learn that the wheat harvest is making great demands on the labor supply of the country. Kansas needs even more men than usual, the estimate of 20,000 being decidedly too low. In Illinois the supply is not equal to the demand. The average wage paid this summer in the latter states is \$1.10 a day with board, \$1.40 without board; \$29 a month with board and \$28 without board.

In some parts of New England half-grown schoolboys are finding remunerative employment in the truck gardens, and are about the only dependable help that these farmers can procure.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

If adversity leads to truth, hard lines must have some virtue in them.

Washington will soon know how Oyster Bay felt when Roosevelt was in Africa.

The statements as to the amount appropriated by congress are only \$119,000,000 apart.

Amateurs appear to be showing that a biplane is as easy and safe to run as an automobile.

It is noted that Maine is waging a hot political campaign for a state that braces up on ginger ale.

Those who cannot swim escape peril during the bathing season by standing on land and praising the sea.

Some men are so constituted that they think they are happy when they are sailing straight to perdition.

Happy thought for today: Look out and be thankful for what you do not get, as well as for what you do get.

Vermont thinks anything that comes from Massachusetts is desirable, but she draws the line at the brown-tail moth.

Under the primary system of politics, Joe Stibley of Philadelphia spent \$40,000 to be nominated for congress.

The sane and safe Fourth that depend upon public subscriptions for their establishment do not have a very rosy outlook.

Latest nursery rhyme from Vermont: "Baby boy, here's a fly! Let's swat him! you and I." Author's name not mentioned.

Wealthy rural residents who dislike dust are oiling the roads passing their premises at their own expense, to keep the dust down.

Viewed from a selfish standpoint, it looks as if the inquiries into the high cost of living were kept right in the hands of friends.

There were only 36,000 bills presented to the congress that has just closed its session, and some people think congress has no work to do.

Congress as it was forty-six years ago may be a fair theme for an essay, but congress as it is today invites the strictest attention of the people.

An insane newspaper man of New York thinks he overhears conversa-

### THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

## THREE FALLS

The first time he met her he literally fell at her feet.

He had been stealing apples from her grandfather's apple-tree, and just as she came down the lane over which the heavily-weighted boughs of the Baldwin tree hung, Dana Orcutt gave him a push and he crashed down to the ground, pulling Dana with him to the feet of Elsie North. And there they had both been, metaphorically, ever since.

Elsie didn't laugh—she helped him up and smoothed out his rumpled clothes—and incidentally his rumpled hair—and from that very moment Tommy addressed her.

The second fall was even more rumpeling to both clothes and pride—but he fell at Elsie's feet just the same. It was that last year at the Andoverville High. Of course, the seniors went everywhere together. And this particular night they had all rendezvoused on the back piazza of the North house. All that is to say, except Elsie and her chum, Sis Bartlett. The big veranda had proved all too small for the big class, and so those two had taken themselves and their chairs to the sloping lawn, close to the foot of the veranda—and from that very moment Tommy addressed her.

Tommy Simmons was late, and though he hurried as fast as he could, he was the very last one to get to the North house. He couldn't see a soul at the front of the house, so he rang the bell. The maid showed him through the long hall, which divided the house from the back piazza, to a door which opened out on to the back piazza.

Tommy's glance swept the long, wide piazza. It fell upon his divinity at the foot of the steps. And in another second he fell on her, literally and heavily. For Tommy was no feather-weight, but the biggest fellow in the class, and making his way, as he was wont, direct to his goal, he took no heed to his steps and so fell an easy prey to a foot, slyly outthrust against his.

The class roared—one big, unanimous roar; for nobody but Tommy saw the foot, which was as slyly and quickly withdrawn as it had been out-thrust, and Tommy's stumblings were proverbial.

All the faces, but Elsie's, were all a-grin; but hers was as sweetly serious as ever, and full of a tender pity for Tommy that went fast toward making life bearable, just then.

"Don't mind, Tommy," she whispered, as she let Tommy pick her up, and stood quietly waiting while he picked up her chair and brushed his dusty coat. "I know someone must have tripped you, or it wouldn't have happened."

She looked up at him, waiting for the confirmation of her suspicion; but Tommy was no tell-tale, and he never peached. But, afterward, when they were all going home together after bidding Elsie goodnight, he got Dana Orcutt out on a side lane and whipped the life nearly out of him. Dana considered himself a rival to Tommy, for he thought he loved Elsie as much as Tommy did.

After the graduating exercises, where Tommy was class orator and Elsie class poet, he went away to Harvard; and she, because her mother was old-fashioned and did not believe in colleges for girls or co-education either, for that matter, went to a young ladies finishing school where that same mother was principal. Fate has thrown them at your feet three times. I think you will have to take me."

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reading a year or two with an old judge, a friend of his father, Tom decided to hang up his shingle in Andoverville. All this time Elsie and he had never happened to meet. Of course, their correspondence had long since gone the way of all other youthful correspondence; and I have a shrewd suspicion that Tommy, though afterward he vowed that he had always been faithful, had almost forgotten Elsie. Dana Orcutt had been in Tommy's class at Harvard, but had decided to take up medicine instead of law, and had been established at Andoverville for some months when Tommy finally blossomed out into a promising young lawyer, and settled down in his native town.

All three met, naturally, for their parents had all been playmates long ago; and, naturally, Tommy's love, dormant so long, revived at the first sight of Elsie, with Dana as a favored attendant. A man's desire for a girl is increased 10 times by the sight of another man's desire for her. Tom threw himself into the lists with all the ardor that one would expect from a Harvard boy and a lawyer at that.

But, somehow, try as he would, he could not regain his old position. At their first meeting, the glad light in Elsie's eyes promised well; but after that one blissful night, she was never the same to him. She seemed to dread being alone with him, and turned to Orcutt with every appearance of relief and welcome whenever, as sometimes chanced Tommy managed to get her to himself. She would not listen to him, she would not even answer when he begged her to tell him how he had offended her. At last, he grew as eager as she was to avoid a meeting.

He took to going off on long, lonely rides; and it was when he was returning from one of these, riding moodily, his head down, the reins hanging loosely in his hand, while he wondered and wondered over Elsie's strange avoidance, that he fell again.

The forest pathway through which he was riding, was thickly strewn with pine-needles, which deadened the sound of his horse's foot-falls, and he was close upon Elsie before she noticed him. She was seated at the foot of a tall pine, her face was buried in her hands, her shoulders heaving with suppressed emotion. As she glanced up and saw him, her face grew scarlet, and she sprang to her feet as if on the point of hurrying away.

In a second Tommy had—I was going to say he had thrown himself from his horse, but to tell the truth, the horse, a hired brute, dead-beat from his long trip, gone half-asleep while he padded slowly through the cool, forest aisles, and rudely awakened by Tommy's sudden jump, threw his careless rider violently forward.

Tommy shot through the air like a catapult, and with his usual luck, fell at Elsie's feet. Only this time it was not whole and sound, but with a twisted leg and a broken collar-bone. Hard luck, almost anyone would have said, but Tommy always declared it was the luckiest thing that ever happened to him, for, as he lay stunned, half-unconscious, he felt Elsie's tears on his face and heard Elsie's voice murmuring distractedly:

"Tom! Dear Tom! Answer me—Oh! do answer me! If you are killed, I shall die too!"

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